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SUBJ: EDITORIAL REACTION U.S. - EUROPE RELATIONS

- 1. BERLINSGKE TIDENDE (CONSERVATIVE) QUOTE: ATLANTIC TROUBLES ARE NOT OVER, EVEN IF FIRST IRRITATION FOLLOWING COMMOTION CAUSED BY ALERT OF US. FORCES IN EUROPE HAS SETTLED. AS COULD HAVE BEEN PREDICTED, IT IS DIFFICULT TO AGREE ON CONTENTS OF JOINT ATLANTIC DECLARATION WHICH HENRY KISSINGER WAS SUGGESTING IN HIS MUCH QUOTED SPEECH IN APRIL ABOUT NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER.
- 2. BEST WHICH CAN BE SAID ABOUT CONTENTS OF EUROPEAN DRAFT FOR DECLARATION IS THAT IT HAS BEEN ABLE TO RALLY ALL NINE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THIS IN ITSELF IS ACHIEVEMENT, FOR DISTANCE IS PRETTY GREAT AMONG POINTS OF VIEW OF NINE EC COUNTRIES CONCERNING FUTURE RELATIONS WITH U.S. SMALL WONDER THAT AMERICAN WANT TO STRENGTHEN CONTENTS OF DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO ATLATNIC, EVEN IF U.S. INTEREST IN ATLATNIC ALLIANCE MAY SEEM SOMEWHAT WEAKENED IN CERTAIN RESPECTS.
- 3. JOINT ATLANTIC DECLARATION WITHOUT SUBSTANCE WOULD BE EMPTY RESPONSE TO TRULY MASSIVE US. PROPOSAL AND RENDER ALL FURTHER TALK OF 1973 AS "YEAR OF EUROPE" MEANINGLESS.
- 4. DEMAND FOR UNITY AMONG NINE EC COUNTRIES IS EVIDENT. UNCLASSIFIED

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WITHOUT IT THERE WILL BE NO JOINT ATLANTIC DECLARATION.

BUT IT OUGHT TO BE AS EVIDENT THAT EUROPEAN UNITY SHOULD
NOT BE ACHIEVED AT EXPENSE OF ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY AND FUTURE
ATLANTIC COOPERATION. NOMATTER HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO
STRENGTHEN EC COOPERATION AND STRESS JOINT EC INTERESTS
EXTERNALLY WITH GREATER FORCE THAN BEFORE, ANTAGOISM TOWARD
U.S. MUST NOT BE USED TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL. THIS WOULD
INCREASE ALREADY NOT NEGLIGABLE PROBLEMS WHICH NOW CHARACTERIZE
ATLANTIC RELATIONS. IT OUGHT TO BE MAIN ENDEAVOR FOR BOTH
PARTIES TO TRY TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS UNQUOTE.
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